

**HB 1689 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that the following practice, act, and operation is excepted from the operation of the provisions of this chapter: The practice of dentistry by individuals in a postdoctoral dental residency program as provided under RCW 18.32.040 for the duration of the program.

Provides that the commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of the written examination required in this act, a certificate granted by a national or regional testing organization approved by the commission.

Authorizes the commission to accept, in lieu of the practical examination required in this act, proof that an applicant has satisfactorily completed a postdoctoral dental residency program approved by the commission, of at least one year's duration, in a community health clinic that serves predominantly low-income patients or is located in a dental care health professional shortage area in this state. The commission shall, with the recommendations of the University of Washington dental school, develop criteria for community clinics to use when sponsoring students in a residency program under this subsection, including guidelines for the proper supervision of the resident and measuring the resident's competence to practice dentistry.